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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6777**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1141**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 17, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Cellular and wireless telephones at high schools.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a school corporation's disciplinary rules to allow a high school student to possess a cellular or other wireless telephone, which may be used only during lunch periods and emergencies, on school grounds.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** School corporations could incur minimal costs regarding the printing and distribution of discipline rules. If additional students are suspended or expelled for a violation of school rules concerning cellular/wireless phone use the school corporation could incur other minimal costs for printing and distribution of 1) notifications of charges against a student concerning a suspension; 2) expulsion meeting notification and summaries of evidence; 3) students' locker and locker content search rules 4) withdrawal of consent statements and summaries of evidence; 5) costs associated with suspension appeal meetings; and 8) costs regarding parental involvement notification. These costs are currently indeterminable and would vary by school corporation.

*Background:* For the 2001 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 954,487 students, and public school enrollment totaled 988,691. Approximately 1,960 public schools were in operation within Indiana's 294 school corporations during that time.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:** DOE SAS and SQL tables.